

What is claimed is:

1. A bucket, comprising:
  - a) a container portion;
  - b) a handle extending upwardly from said container portion, and above a first side of said container portion, wherein said handle does not substantially extend over an upper opening of said container portion; and
  - c) a counterweight that is mounted on said first side of container portion and below said handle.
2. A bucket as described in **Claim 1**, wherein said counterweight is mounted on said first side of said container portion so that said upper opening is substantially horizontal when the bucket is suspended from said handle.
3. A bucket as described in **Claim 1**, wherein said bucket comprises a floor that is opposite said opening, and wherein said floor is not parallel to said upper opening.
4. A bucket as described in **Claim 3**, wherein said floor is a flat plane.

5. A bucket as described in **Claim 1**, wherein said bucket comprises a floor that is opposite said opening, and wherein said floor is sloped downwardly toward said first side.
  6. A bucket as described in **Claim 3**, wherein said floor is a flat plane that slopes from a side of said container portion that is opposite said first side of said container portion to said first side of said container portion.
  7. A bucket as described in **Claim 1**, wherein said bucket comprises a floor that is opposite said opening, and wherein said counterweight is mounted on said first side of said container portion so that said opening is substantially horizontal when the bucket is suspended from said handle.